

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appln. No.: 10/810,874

**Confirmation No. 9759**

Filed: March 26, 2004

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Applicant(s): Clark et al.

Title: Center Beam Car with Increased Load Capacity

Art Unit: 3617

Examiner: Le, Mark T.

Attorney Docket No.: 82652

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER  
TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicant(s) hereby appeal(s) to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Primary Examiner dated June 29, 2006 rejecting claims 1-11 and 16-22.

- ☒ The fee for this Notice of Appeal is \$ 500.00 (37 CFR §41.20(b)(1)).
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Respectfully submitted,

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